

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) A guide for controlling web materials in laterally separate paths from a web supply to a machine for producing packing blanks, comprising:

- a frame extending transversely to a feed direction of the web;

- at least one pair of laterally separated guide rails running in parallel in said feed direction, each guide rail comprising an upper and a lower flexible strip, respectively, the strips defining a guided passage from an entrance end to an exit end of the guide rail;

- the guide rails being laterally displaceable on the frame, and

- the exit end of each guide rail connectable to the machine for producing packing blanks.

2. (original) The web guide of claim 1, wherein at least two pairs of guide rails are laterally positioned on the frame, each pair of guide rails providing guided passage for the longitudinal margins, respectively, of an associated web.

3. (original) The web guide of claim 1, wherein the guide rails of at least one pair of guide rails are controlled

for lateral displacement on the frame in mutually opposite directions relative to a center.

4. (original) The web guide of claim 3, wherein the center is laterally displaceable on the frame.

5. (original) The web guide of claim 1, wherein vertical shields carried on the guide rails are operative to prevent the web material from leaving the guided passage.

6. (original) A guide for controlling web material in laterally separate paths from a web supply to a machine for producing packing blanks, comprising:

- a frame extending transversely to a feed direction of the web;

- at least one pair of laterally separated guide rails running in parallel in said feed direction, each guide rail comprising an upper and a lower flexible strip, respectively, the strips defining a guided passage from an entrance end to an exit end of the guide rail;

- the guide rails being laterally displaceable on the frame;

- the exit end of each guide rail connectable to the machine for producing packing blanks, and

- each laterally separated path of web material being associated with a line up means, upstream of the guide rail entrance ends, for aligning the web material with the guided passage.

7. (original) The web guide of claim 6, wherein the line up means comprises a capstan, supported on the frame and freely rotating about an axis extending transversely to the feed direction.

8. (original) The web guide of claim 7, wherein a circumference of the capstan is defined through horizontal bars parallel with the axis of rotation, and the cord length between adjacent bars of the capstan corresponding to the distance between the fold lines of a fan fold web material.

9. (original) The web guide of claim 6, wherein the line up means further comprises a flexible arm, reaching upstream from the entrance end and biased to press the web material towards the capstan.

10-13. (cancelled)